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*21st March, 1915.*

# St. Andrew's Church, Madras

*Joint Chaplains.*—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D., Presidency Senior Chaplain, Spencer's Hotel.
Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
*Kirk Session.*—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., J. M. Ewing Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and the Rev. A. Templeton.
*Church Clerk*—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
*Organist and Choirmaster*—C. Norman Lindsaye Esq., Woodlands, Royapettah.
*Free School Headmistress*—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
*Dorcas Society Secretary*—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
*Women's Guild Secretary*—Mrs. Turner, The Rookery, Chetput.
*Women's Guild Treasurer*—Mrs. F. Thomas, Buckingham Gardens, Perambur.
*Sunday School Superintendent*—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum, (On Leave).
*School Visitation Committee Secretary*—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Kedleston, Kilpauk.
*Honorary Auditor*—James Leask, Esq., Bank of Madras.

## Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M. Women's Guild meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 4-30 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

## Church Notes

*Holy Communion.*—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at evening service on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

*Good Friday.*—There will be service as usual on Good Friday, April 2nd, at 8 a.m.

*Organ Recital.*—There will be an Organ Recital in the Church on Easter Monday, April 5th, at 6-15 P.M., when it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

*Thanks.*—Evening service on the last Sunday of February was taken by the Rev. A. Templeton. Mr. Templeton's appearances in St. Andrew's pulpit are always highly appreciated. I have to thank Mr. Beardsell and Bishop Corrie's School Library through Miss

Brown for newspapers for distribution in hospital. Those who have magazines and illustrated papers will do a very wise and useful thing if instead of throwing them away they will forward them for the use of the hospital. I have also to thank Mrs. Horn for all the trouble and care she has taken over the new linen for the Communion Table. Her labour of love has transformed the cloth into a very beautiful possession.

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*The Church Clerk.*—For one Sunday the Chaplains had to make their way to and from the pulpit without the presence of Mr Boys to lead as usual, but we were all glad to see him back the following Sunday. Mr. Boys has been with us quite ten years and all that time he has never availed himself of the chance of a satisfactory holiday and so it was no wonder that he had a bad turn a week or two ago and had to take his place in the General Hospital. He did not stay there long, however, and now he is back at his work again, looking fit and well. We all wish his son, David, the best of fortunes on his joining the army. David has been of great help during the last year or two, but the desire to follow in his father's steps has taken him away from Madras, and he has gone to the Artillery Boys' Training Depot at Nowshera. We wish him well in his new life as a soldier This is not the only contribution that Mr. Boys and his family are making to the defence of the country, for his son-in-law, who was married in Madras some months ago, is already at the front.

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*Mr. C. N. Lindsaye.*—There was a fear at the beginning of the month that we were to lose our Organist. Mr. Lindsaye was offered the Organistship at Rangoon Cathedral, a post we are sure he would have adorned. But we were selfish enough to wish to keep Mr. Lindsaye with us and the Kirk Session at a meeting held recently, decided to ask him to stay—which he has agreed to do. Mr. Lindsaye has been with us already for five years and in the nature of things it is impossible that we should keep a musician of his talents with us for ever. But I am sure that the action of the Kirk Session will be approved of by the whole congregation.

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*Choir Fund.*—Of course it will need to be understood that we cannot keep Mr. Lindsaye in Madras without incurring a heavier financial burden than before and it is hoped that the congregation will do their best to share in this extra burden. There are various ways suggested by which the expense can be met. Those who care to do so can send their contributions towards the Choir Fund. His Excellency the Governor some time ago showed his appreciation of the services of Mr. Lindsaye and the Choir by sending a handsome donation of Rs. 250 towards that Fund and one hopes that his example will find many imitators. There is also another way in which much help can be given. Mr. Lindsaye has undertaken to give as many Organ Recitals as the Kirk Session think advisable to help in the matter. Large attendance at these Recitals will go a long way to help the problem to be solved. In past years one notices in the collection records that the proceeds of a single recital was always considerably over Rs. 100. Now-a-days the results are less than half. It is difficult to find what the reason can be. The quality of the Recitals is certainly not at fault.

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*Obituary.*—We notice with regret the death at a ripe old age of a former member of this church, Mrs. Sinclair, at her residence in Edinburgh. Mrs. Sinclair, as many will remember, was the widow of the late Professor David Sinclair, for 20 years a missionary of the Church of Scotland and latterly Principal of the former General Assembly's Institution in Madras and an elder in St. Andrew's. The unexpected news of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Henderson, was a heavy blow to her and we understand that she never quite rallied from it and passed away little more than three weeks after her daughter's death. Mrs. Sinclair was an authoress of some standing, one of her books being "The Thistle and the Fleur de Lys," an effort to trace the influence of French on the Scots' tongue.

The sympathy of all their friends and not least of St. Andrew's congregation will go out to Mrs. Philip Smith and her daughter Mrs. Higginbotham at the sad news which came from Singapore of the death of Lt. Philip Smith, the son of the former. He was employed in the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company and was shot during the scenes which followed the 5th Light Infantry outbreak in that city. He was only 28 years old. He is one of the many bright lives that have been offered up as a sacrifice for their country. Mrs. Philip Smith has been the recipient of a telegram of condolence from Their Majesties the King and the Queen. It reads: "The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you have sustained by the death of your son. Their Majesties truly sympathise with you in your sorrow."

*The Rev. Dr. Ogilvie.*—It is always interesting for St. Andrew's to hear of the doings of Dr. Ogilvie, their former Minister. Dr. Ogilvie is the Baird Lecturer for this year. According to the conditions of the Lectureship, " the Lecturer shall deliver a course of not less than six lectures on any subject of Theology, Christian Evidences, Christian Work, Christian Missions, Church Work, and Church Organisations." As becomes a Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, Dr. Ogilvie has chosen his subject from the sphere of Missions and the title of his Lectures is " The Apostles of India." At some time in the future the lectures will be published in book form and I fancy a good number of people in Madras will be eager to have such a memento of Dr. Ogilvie and his work in India.

*Sunday School.*—The numbers in Sunday School are keeping up famously but we are sadly handicapped for teachers. When all are present there are just enough. When any are absent, owing to the lack of supernumeraries it is very hard work to keep things going. Is it possible that there are no members in St. Andrew's who cannot spare an hour once a week for eight months in the year to take one of these classes ? We are all glad to hear from Mr. Ashworth. Many thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ross for taking over Sunday School in the absence of Mrs. Meldrum and myself on the last Sunday of February.

*Day School.*—Day School keeps on the even tenor of its way. At present we have three or four children over the fifty that we set as the limit of our numbers. Some time ago I ventured to ask Mr. F. Thomas whether he could procure for the School an arrangement to show the different processes that lie between the cotton pod and the finished cloth. Mr. Thomas has been much more ambitious for the school than I would have ventured to be and has presented it with a very handsome glass-faced case containing the specimens required. It will be of great value to the school both for use and for adornment. We take this opportunity of thanking him for his gift.

*School Annual Report.*—The Inspector's Annual Reports has reached us this year with a celerity that was both unexpected and delightful. It is by far the most encouraging of the three reports that have come through my hands. There are one or two things still to be put right of course, but we cannot expect higher praise than what the Inspector gives. " My impression of the school " he writes " is distinctly favourable." There is no fear that Mrs. Bennet and her staff will not improve upon the progress that has been already made.

*Henderson Memorial Fund.*—Members of the congregation will doubtless have read in the papers recently the statement put before them by the Committee which met to see what could be done to perpetuate the memory of the late Mrs. Henderson and at the same time make a public contribution to the work she had so much at heart. The Committee came to the following resolution " That subscriptions shall be invited for the purpose of founding The Henderson Memorial Trust, to be vested in the Friend-in-need Society for the education and upbringing of poor children of the European and Anglo-Indian communities of the city of Madras. This scheme is now before the public.

It does not require words from any one to ask the congregation of St. Andrews to take this scheme to their hearts. We all know the place Mrs. Henderson occupied in our midst and the great service she rendered to the poor around us. I am sure we shall all make a splendid response and help as far as we can to perpetuate her memory and her work. The Hon. Treasurer is Mr. Beardsell, but if there are any who should like to contribute and hesitate on account of what they feel to be the smallness of the sum, I shall be glad to receive their offerings. The hope of the Committee is that every one who is interested will help, whether the contribution is great or small. The Memorial is intended to be a Public Memorial, not an offering by one or two only.

## Women's Guild

*Annual General Meeting.*—The first Annual General Meeting was held in the School-room on Thursday, March 18th, when the work for the year was reviewed and new office bearers were elected. Next month we shall be able to give full details. Miss Cunningham of the Y. W. C. A., who has had a wide experience of work amongst the poor, gave an interesting and much appreciated address on Work amongst the poor of the large cities at Home.

*Concert.*—A very successful variety entertainment, as the announcements called it, made on behalf of the Guild War Fund was held in

the Habitation Hall on March 16th before a crowded and enthusiastic audience. The Committee in whose hands the planning lay and the performers had been working extremely hard at the programme and the success with which their efforts were received while it was most gratifying was certainly well earned. The first part of the programme consisted of a short curtain raiser entitled 'Between the Soup and the Savoury' and was a conversation while dinner was being served to the people upstairs, between a sympathetic cook, a smart parlour maid and the forlornest of kitchen maids that ever was seen, who in her cravings for romance had appropriated the love letters of the daughter of the house and consoled herself with them as if they were her own. The parts were taken by Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hird and Mrs. Wilson, respectively. Mrs. Hird added another to her triumphs on the Madras stage in the part of the vain housemaid with the sharp tongue. Mrs. Russell made a delightful cook bustling about the kitchen, now ridiculing, now sympathising with the unfortunate kitchen maid, loving her bit of gossip even to the detriment of the food to be served upstairs. As the romantic kitchen maid who looked for idols, with a countenance that inspired no admirers, Mrs. Wilson made a great hit. There never was a more down at the heel kitchen maid, or a more woe begone damsel.

The second part of the programme was in the hands of the Dutch Minstrels. The curtain rose to discover a background of wind mills with a group of presumably Dutch men and women arrayed more brilliantly than Solomon in his glory and they set before the audience a breathless rush of excellent songs and choruses, some of which had to be repeated and all of which would have been repeated if the conductor had not been adamant. A glance at the programme below will show the variety of songs serious and not so serious, romantic and not so romantic, but only those who were present can have any idea of the skill and the verve and the humour and the feeling with which they were all sung before an audience loudly enthusiastic from beginning to end. The thanks of the Guild are due to the ladies and gentlemen who took part, to those who made all the necessary arrangements, to the Madras Amateur Dramatic Society for the kind permission to use some of their staging property, and to the Managers and the Secretary of the Habitation Hall for their courtesy and patience through a series of many rehearsals.

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"THE DUTCH MINSTRELS"

1. Opening Chorus...Blankipore....From San Toy.
The Minstrels.
2. Solo..............Our Island Home......................
Mr. Robert Lee.
3. Quartette....A Regular Royal Queen...............
From the Gondoliers.
Mrs. Hird, Mrs. Badcock, Mr. Lee, Mr. Turner.
4. Solo.........Daddy's Sweetheart....Liza Lehman.
Miss Gertrude Royle.
5. Trio and Chorus......Cheese....From Miss Hook of Holland.
Messrs. Torrance, Turner and Gray.
6. Solo and Chorus. By the side of the Zuyder Zee...............Scott.
Mrs. R. L. Hird.
7. Solo......My little Deitcher Girl......Frank Leo.
Mr. T. Campbell Gray.
8. Duet............On the Zuyder Zee...........Rœckel.
Mrs. Wilson & Mr. Torrance.
9. Solo............The Grenadier...........Eric Coates.
Mr. W. A. Turner.
10. Duet...On the Sleepy Canal...From Miss Hook of Holland.
Miss Royle & Mr. Lee.
11. Solo.........The Admiral's Broom.............Bevan.
Mr. T. Campbell Gray.
12. Solo....Under the Deodars...From the Country Girl.
Mrs. Badcock.
13. Solo......The Other Department please...Harry Fragson.
Mr. Norman Lindsaye.
14. Final Chorus......Blankipore......From San Toy.

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COLLECTION IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

| | | | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 7 | Ordinary ... | ... | 62 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, | 14 | ,, ... | ... | 53 | 3 | 0 |
| ,, | 21 | ,, ... | ... | 49 | 0 | 9 |
| ,, | 22 | Organ Recital | ... | 66 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, | 27 | Women's Missions Church of Scotland | ... | 165 | 10 | 9 |
| | | Total Rs. | ... | 396 | 8 | 6 |

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Baptisms

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me"*

8th March 1915—Josephine Emma, daughter of John Alfred and Mary Beatrice Evans.

## CHURCH ACCOUNTS

*I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for February 1915.*

| RECEIPTS | AMOUNT RS. | A. | P. | DISBURSEMENTS | AMOUNT RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Government Grant, Feb. 1915... | 109 | 0 | 0 | To Church Choir for Jan. 1915 ... | 204 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Pew Rents ... ... | 168 | 0 | 0 | „ „ Establishment, Jan. 1915 | 138 | 8 | 0 |
| „ Church Collections ... ... | 330 | 8 | 6 | „ Church Choir Fund ... ... | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Recital Collections ... ... | 66 | 0 | 0 | „ Organ tuning, Dec. 1914, Jan. and Feb. 1915 ... ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| „ H. E. Lord Pentland's Subscription to Choir and Organ Fund. | 250 | 0 | 0 | „ Printing ... ... ... | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Sale of Grass (February 1915)... | 20 | 0 | 0 | „ M.E.S. Co. current for Jan. 1915 | 12 | 8 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Communion Elements... ... | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Recital ... ... ... | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Miscellaneous ... .. | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| | | | | „ Special Collection, Women's Mission ... ... ... | 165 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | By Balance Credit this Account ... | 110 | 14 | 0 |
| Total ... | 943 | 8 | 6 | Total ... | 943 | 8 | 6 |

*II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for February 1915.*

| RECEIPTS | AMOUNT RS. | A. | P. | DISBURSEMENTS | AMOUNT RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Government Grant ... ... | 100 | 0 | 0 | To Free School Establishment (Jan. 1915) ... ... ... | 184 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Subscriptions, February 1915 ... | 51 | 0 | 0 | „ Children's daily food ... ... | 75 | 14 | 0 |
| „ Kirk Session Fund ... ... | 137 | 15 | 0 | „ Kindergarten goods ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Printing ... ... ... | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Cutlery and Crockery, etc. ... | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Miscellaneous ... ... | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Total ... | 288 | 15 | 0 | Total ... | 288 | 15 | 0 |

H. BOYS,
*Church Clerk.*

NEIL MELDRUM,
*Chaplain.*

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